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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: War Planners Conference

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The following are notes on the War Planners Conference which [REDACTED] has drawn up preliminary to a full report which is to come out later. These notes have inadvertently been left in a folder containing the Office of Security war and emergency plans which [REDACTED] has loaned to me. These notes are recorded simply to complete our own files on the War Planners Conference. The original has been returned to [REDACTED]

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- "1. It afforded a chance for field and headquarters representatives to exchange ideas and also for the field representatives to swap experiences.
2. It pointed up the necessity of constantly revising existing plans and directives both at headquarters and in the field to insure that they are compatible with the current situation.
3. PAC planning through first cycle -- Europe just starting.
4. The need for contingency planning in support of military contingency plans was emphasized.
5. As a result of meetings during the conference, it was agreed that NE Division should take over the SWPE planning responsibility for the Middle East. A recommendation has been submitted to DD/P which then will go to DDCI.
6. As a result of the conference there is a generally increased awareness for Area Division participation in this type of planning.
7. In the support planning seminars, questions were raised and problems discussed. Included were:

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Wartime manning tables
Base locations
Mobilizing of reservists and civilians in theaters
Materiel requirements
Security and Financial problems

All the above were then discussed in detail by the overseas planners and the offices concerned. On the basis of this, action is now being taken by both headquarters and the field planners to find answers and incorporate them into the plans.

8. Also will be better coordination of support planning since the field officers now intend to seek specific technical guidance from headquarters.

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9. Both [REDACTED] felt that a document such as the Office of Security has just drafted would be most helpful to them. Both PPC and I will be glad to work with your planning offices to assist in preparing such a paper."

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